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Remarks/arguments:

In response to the rejection of August 24, 2006, the examiner's comments have been carefully considered with respect to the drawings. Accordingly, it is proposed to add new FIGS. 5-9 which are of a larger scale and which more clearly illustrate the base structure, the overstructure, the bite element, and the interconnecting material. While the wire 21 is new, it is conventional. Therefore, the acceptance of these drawings is respectfully requested. The proposed additional FIGS. follow as appendix A.

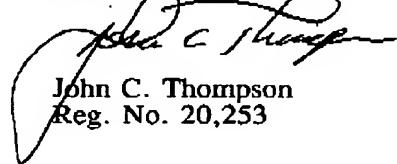
The examiner next rejects all claims remaining in this application as anticipated by Braiman. While it is submitted that the Braiman reference does not teach the subject matter of this invention for the reasons advance in applicant's last response, the claims have been amended to more clearly distinguish from the Braiman reference. Thus, claim 1 now specifies a base structure, an over structure which is securable to the base structure in a manner in which the over structure at least partially covers the base structure, the over structure being comprised of at least two separate hardened bite elements, and interconnecting material which secures the hardened bite elements to the base structure. Clearly this combination of features is not anticipated by Braiman. More particularly, as previously noted, Braiman teaches a process which includes making thin shells which are placed in their entirety over the prepared tooth form. Braiman simply does not disclose an over structure having at least two separate hardened bite elements. The shell 10 shown in FIG. 3 simply does not have two separate hardened elements. In addition the dependant claims set forth additional features which are also not anticipated by Braiman, see for example claim 8. Accordingly, the office is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of all claims drawn to a dental restoration piece as anticipated by Braiman. In that the reference does not teach or suggest what is being claimed in claim 1, and its dependant claims, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this grounds of rejection.

In addition, there is nothing in Braiman which teaches the process set forth in claim 12, namely of providing a base structure, applying an interconnecting material onto a base structure, pressing onto the interconnecting material at least two separate hardened bite elements which forms at least a portion of the bite forming region of the over surface in a manner such that the hardened bite elements are ultimately oriented for biting operation, and subjecting the interconnecting material on the base structure to a hardening process by which the interconnecting material is hardened fully. Thus the process of Braiman, which is

disclosed in his FIG. 4, is quite different. In that Braiman clearly does not disclose the subject matter of method claim 12, the allowance of this claim is respectfully requested.

In that the new FIGS. overcome the examiner's objection to the drawings, and in that the claims are not anticipated by Braiman, the allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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